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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN AIR FORCE MILITARY PAYMENT PROBLEMS

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1. AT 1530Z APRIL 7, 1977 DATT LEARNED THROUGH TELECON WITH WING COMMANDER MOKONGHO, DIR. OF OPNS., NIGERIAN AIR FORCE (NAF), THAT MOKONOGHO HAD JUST RECEIVED URGENT CALL FROM GROUP CAPTAIN FALOPE, NIGERIAN DEFENSE ADVISOR TO WASHINGTON, TO EFFECT THAT USAF WOULD CANCEL 4 C-130 TACTICAL CREW TRAINING SLOTS FOR JUNE 77, IF PAYMENT NOT MADE BY 1200 LOCAL IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ON 7 APRIL 77.

2. BE ADVISED THAT NIGERIAN MILITARY SUPREME HEADQUARTERS AND NAF HQ HAVE CONFERRED AT LENGTH WITH DATT AND MAP OFFICER DURING RECENT WEEKS. NIGERIA AGREED TO PAY FOR PAST TRAINING AND THEN PAY FOR ADDITIONAL TRAINING AS THE STUDENT(S) ARRIVE IN THE CONUS. IN THIS CASE, C-130 TRAINEES NOT SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE CONUS TIL JUN 77.

3. PREVIOUS MESSAGES, SAME GENERAL SUBJECT, REQUEST THAT NAF TRAINING BE CONTINUED, AS WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT PAYMENT PROBLEMS WILL BE EVENTUALLY RESOLVED.

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RM REQUEST IMMEDIATE COORDINATION WITH GROUP CAPTAIN FALOPE AND THOSE MILITARY OFFICES WHICH HAVE PRESENTED PAYMENT DEADLINE SO THAT IMPORTANT TRAINING PROGRAMS NOT JEOPARDIZED. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT REASONS FOR REPORTED PROPOSED CANCELLATION OF TRAINING SLOTS BE THOROUGHLY EXPLAINED, NOT ONLY TO FALOPE, BUT TO NIGERIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND ABOVE ALL TO AMERICAN EMBASSY LAGOS. ONLY IN THIS

WAY CAN WE AVOID SERIOUS DAMAGE THAT CANCELLATION MAY CAUSE TO OUR
OVERALL BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. PLEASE ASSURE THAT REFTEL SEEN BY
ALL INTERESTED PARTIES.
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